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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES - PILOT TRAINING - KUWAIT

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1. REFTTEL INDICATED KAF WOULD LIKE TO PLAN ON SENDING
150-200 MEN PER YEAR TO US WHERE THEY WOULD TAKE APTITUDE
TESTS AND THEN BE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE TRAINING.

2. INITIAL SCREENING OF PERSONNEL MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY
THE GOK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF TRAINEES IN THE U. S. THIS
PROCESS WOULD REDUCE THE REJECTION RATE GREATLY (SEE NEXT
PARAGRAPH) WITH THE ATTENDANT COST SAVINGS AND MAKE THE
GOK RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION OF THEIR OWN PERSONNEL.

3. TO ASSIST GOK IN THIS SCREENING PROCESS, USN IS PREPARED
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TO SEND SPECIAL SELECTION/ SCREENING TEAM TO KUWAIT TO ADMINISTER TEST BATTERIES USED IN USN PILOT SELECTION; AND PROVIDE RESULTS TO KAF WITH GUIDANCE AND EXPLANATIONS. SUCH A TEAM WOULD BE COVERED BY FMS PROCEDURES. DECISION ON FINAL SELECTION MUST BE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE KAF. THE USN TEAM WOULD INCLUDE MEMBER FROM NAVAL AEROSPACE MEDICAL INSTITUTE. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE SELECTION PROCESS TO KEEP ATTRITION RATE AS LOW AS POSSIBLE (28 TO 35 IS USN EXPERIENCE AND MUST BE EXPECTED).

4. PRIOR TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL, LANGUAGE TESTS SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED TO ALL POTENTIAL CANDIDATES. LENGTH OF TIME THAT STUDENT WILL ATTEND LANGUAGE SCHOOL LACKLAND AFB WILL DEPEND ON HIS ENGLISH COMPREHENSION LEVEL (ECL) TEST SCORE. THESE TESTS COULD BE ADMINISTERED BY USMILTRAMIS DHAHRAN REPRESENTATIVE. REQUEST USMTM COMMENT.

5. BEGINNING ABOUT SEPT 1973, RECOMMEND 6 PILOT CANDIDATES PER MONTH BE INITIATED INTO USN PROGRAM. AFTER PRIMARY SCREENING SYLLABUS (26 HOURS OF FLYING TRAINING IN PROPELLER AIRCRAFT, T-34) CANDIDATE CAN BE POINTED TOWARD EITHER HELICOPTER OR JET TRAINING PIPELINE DEPENDING UPON DEMONSTRATED APTITUDE. WITH CONCURRENCE KAF, SOME CANDIDATES WOULD BE DIVERTED TO EITHER AVIATION MAINTENANCE OFFICERS OR AVIATION SUPPLY OFFICERS. HELICOPTERS PATH WOULD BE ABOUT 54 WEEKS: T-28/105 HRS; TH-57/35 HRS; JH-1 D/60 HRS LEADING TO TRANSITION TO UH- IN(IN COUNTRY). JET PATH WOULD BE ABOUT 60 WEEKS:

T-2/100 HRS; T- A4/105 HRS; THIS WOULD INCLUDE AIR- TO- AIR AND AIR- TO- GROUND TRAINING. WE RECOMMEND TRAINING/ TRANSITION TO F-8 IN COUNTRY WITH 2- SEATER. THIS APPROACH WOULD ENHANCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IN- COUNTRY CAPABILITY. THE PROBLEM OF TRANSITION TO FOLLOW- ON AIRCRAFT WILL BE ADDRESSED WHEN A FIRM DECISION IS MADE ON A/ C TO BE PROPOSED.

6. LOOKING AT TOTAL A/ C PACKAGE, USN IS IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING COMPLETE PERSONNEL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT
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PROGRAM. NUMBER AND SPECIALTY MIX WILL BE BASED ON KNOWN POTENTIAL FORCE LEVELS AND USN REQUIREMENTS IN SIMILAR SITUATION. WE ARE STRIVING FOR A GOAL OF KAF SELF- SUFFICIENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. CONCERNING TWELVE PILOTS KAF DESIRES TO TRANSITION TO CRUSADER STANDARDS, WE ARE INVESTIGATING MOST EXPEDITIOUS

MEANS OF DOING THIS.

8. NAVY TEAM BEING ASSEMBLED TO VISIT KUWAIT IN NEAR
FUTURE, WILL BE PREPARED ADDRESS ABOVE TRAINING CON-
SIDERATIONS IN DETAIL.

9. DOD HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS MESSAGE. RUSH

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